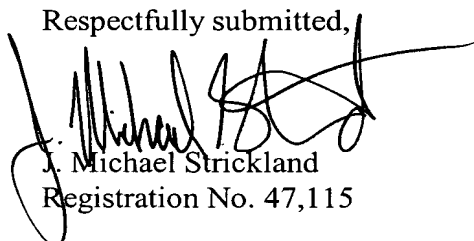


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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 23-44.

Respectfully submitted,



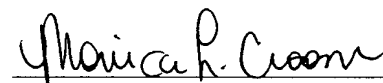
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